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LETTER DATED 1 MAY 1991 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ALGERIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a declaration by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which was published following the adoption by the Security Council of resolution 690 (1991), concerning the question of Western Sahara.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Amar BENDJAMA
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Annex

Declaration dated 29 April 1991 by the spokesman for the Algerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

"Algeria welcomes the unanimous adoption by the Security Council of resolution 690 (1991), which sets out the final arrangements for implementation of the United Nations and Organization of African Unity (OAU) plan for a settlement of the question of Western Sahara and approves the establishment of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO).

A decisive stage has thus been reached on the path towards a peaceful, just and final settlement of the question of Western Sahara.

The finalization of the pan-African organization's peace plan - for which the United Nations has assumed responsibility - whereby a referendum will be held for self-determination of the people of Western Sahara, without any administrative or military constraints, organized and supervised by the United Nations in cooperation with OAU, is the result of the patient joint efforts of the current Chairman of OAU and the Secretary-General of the United Nations, with the absolute and abiding support of Algeria.

Algeria wishes to pay tribute to Mr. Pérez de Cuéllar and to the successive Chairmen of OAU for the persistent efforts which they have made to facilitate the refinement of this settlement plan and which now point the way to peace in Western Sahara.

Algeria congratulates the Kingdom of Morocco and the Frente POLISARIO on this major achievement in endeavours to secure a settlement of the Western Sahara conflict. It remains convinced that the settlement will have the effect both of consolidating progress made in constructing the Arab Maghreb Union and of promoting peace and stability in the region.

Algeria will spare no effort to ensure that the referendum process takes place in an atmosphere of calm, confidence and respect for the peace plan adopted by the Security Council."

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